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Erik Crawford chose BG basketball over Big Ten football; PAGE 8

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U. club sports offer opportunity

by Craig Gifford
THE BG NEWS

Bowling Green State University, like most universities, boasts a varsity sports program. However, not all students are able to play varsity sports, so they turn to something else: Club sports.

Club sports serve as an alternative to varsity sports for students who may not be able to play on a varsity squad, but still want to play competitively.

"Usually our club participants have played the sport before," said Thad Long, director of inter-murals/sport clubs and PFH programs. "It's providing students with the love of the sport and benefits of team sports like camaraderie."

raderie."

Club sports are different from intramural sports in that they are more competitive, with teams competing against other universities and are organized solely by the participants. However, most of the teams do not take the games as seriously as a varsity squad would.

For instance, members of the club men's hockey team aren't as concerned about winning and losing as the varsity team may be, according to team representative, Joe Simon.

"It is less pressure," he said. "We play for the love of the game. The results of being successful aren't as big at the club level; it's

more of a personal enjoyment."

According to Long, because there isn't the pressures of funding, advertiser involvement and high stakes aren't involved with

"There's not as much pressure...we don't have a curfew. I think once you get into it, you're willing not to go out the night before a game, though."

ANDREW RIDDELL, RUGBY TEAM MEMBER

club sports. This makes the game more fun than competitive.

"Club sports are still the purest form of sport out there," Simon said.

However, there are club teams

that are nearly as competitive as the varsity squads on campus.

The men's rugby team competes for the national title every year and is going to play in the

hours.

hours.

Although the team is competitive, rugby, like most club sports is still laid back, Riddell said.

"There's not as much pressure... we don't have curfew," he said. "I think once you get into it, you're willing to not go out the night before a game on your own, though."

While club sports benefit students who want to remain athletes, Long said they are also beneficial for success off the field.

Students act as officials for the teams, finding opponents, refer-

ees, and sites to play at.

"For those officers we want to provide an administrative experience that gives them the tools for when they get a real job," Long said.

Most of the club team members have their individual reasons for getting involved at the club level.

A club sports program can benefit the university as a whole as well.

According to Long, one student came to the University from Hawaii because club flying and alpine skiing were available, which is a rarity at colleges.

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Post-Taliban gov't in works

by Tony Czucka
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany — With a war still being fought in their homeland, Afghan factions signed a pact yesterday to create a temporary post-Taliban administration, putting aside differences over power-sharing to take the first step toward peace.

Amid applause and embraces, exhausted envoys at a luxury hotel near Bonn agreed to a U.N.-brokered plan that allows for the deployment of foreign troops to secure the transition, stresses the inclusion women and strives for a democracy. It offers Afghanistan its best chance in decades to escape a cycle of war.

The mood was resolute, and the U.N. envoy who will foster the process warned of the difficulties ahead.

"If there is one thing the world has learned, it is that the situation in Afghanistan is far too complex for quick and simple solutions," U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi told a ceremony attended by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

The 30 interim Cabinet members, drawn from Afghan communities around the world, face staggering tasks. They must not only rebuild a war-ravaged land, but ensure stability by integrating fighters into a regular army, reopen education for women and fight drug production and



FORGING AHEAD: German Foreign Minister (center left) and Lakhdar Brahimi (center right), UN envoy for Afghanistan, pose in Berlin.

corruption.

Still, the pact represents "the breathing space during which the people of Afghanistan can take the first of many steps that will be required before a broad-based, multiethnic and truly representative government can be established," Brahimi said.

In tune with realities on the ground, the deal gave most posts in the six-month interim

Cabinet due to take power Dec. 22 — including defense, foreign affairs and interior — to the northern alliance, which has captured most of the country backed by U.S. forces.

President Bush said the United States was "pleased with the progress being made, that the interim government is being formed to include women."

"It's a major change for that

part of the world, and a positive change," the president said during an Oval Office appearance with Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik.

At the same time, the list reflected international pressure to include women after years of suppression by the Taliban and to strike a balance among Afghanistan's ethnic groups. Two women were named as minis-

ters.

Hamid Karzai, a moderate Muslim commander involved in the push to conquer the last Taliban stronghold in Kandahar, was chosen as a broadly acceptable leader to head the interim administration.

Karzai, 44, belongs to the largest ethnic group, the

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AIDS victim to speak

by Marie Chiche
THE BG NEWS

AIDS awareness will continue on campus with a presentation by Rae Lewis-Thorton, who had been living with full-blown AIDS for eight years.

Organized by the Black Student Organization and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the AIDS Awareness program will take place today from 6 to 10 p.m. in Olscamp 115.

"Nationally, our sorority is making AIDS our focus for this year," said Kimili Sims, former president of Delta Sigma Theta. She added that the University community doesn't know enough about the virus and that there is a need to increase awareness.

Lewis-Thorton is a Delta Sigma Theta alumna. She is also a well-known speaker about the danger of AIDS and the importance of preventative behavior.

Lewis-Thorton found out she was infected with HIV at 23, after making a blood donation with the American Red Cross while working as a political organizer in Washington, D.C. She was infected by the virus through heterosexual contact.

"If I did not know God, I would have walked straight out of the Red Cross and into the Potomac River," she said in an interview with the Daily Northwestern in 1998.

She lived with HIV for seven years, hiding her illness, until it developed into full-blown AIDS. She then decided to tell her friends and family and at the same time, started a new career.

After going public with her illness, she was contacted by a local high school teacher and asked to conduct several AIDS-related workshops at the school.

"After the second or third workshop, kids were skipping classes to hear me speak," she said in an interview with Kujisource, the newsletter for BlackAIDS.org. "I walked away from that experience enriched. It was clear I had a gift to talk about AIDS in a different way."

Since then, she has done between five and fifteen speaking engagements a month.

Rae Lewis-Thorton is the prime example of what we should not do," Sims said talking about unprotected sex. She described Lewis-Thorton as a promising,

AWARENESS, PAGE 2

Fugitive anthrax-hoaxer caught in Cincinnati

by James Hannah
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGDALE, Ohio — A fugitive suspected of mailing hundreds of fake anthrax letters to abortion clinics was captured



APPREHENDED: Waagner was on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list until Wednesday.

yesterday after employees in a copying store recognized his picture on a U.S. Marshals Service flier.

Clayton Lee Waagner, 45, was armed with a loaded .40-caliber handgun when police arrested him at 1 p.m. at a Kinko's Inc. store in this Cincinnati suburb, said U.S. Marshal Frank Policaro in Pittsburgh.

Waagner, one of the FBI's 10 most wanted fugitives, was the primary suspect behind anthrax hoaxes committed last month against 280 clinics, Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

Waagner was arrested with \$10,000 cash in his pocket, computer components and the handgun in his vehicle, a stolen Mercedes Benz, said Ben Reyna, who was sworn in Wednesday as new head of the U.S. Marshals Service. Waagner lived a lavish lifestyle by robbing banks in several eastern states, Reyna said.

Waagner was to appear

before U.S. Magistrate Timothy Hogan on Thursday. He was being held Wednesday night at the Hamilton County Justice Center Jail in Cincinnati.

Federal marshals had alerted Kinko's stores nationwide to be on the lookout for Waagner because he was known to use the company's computers, Policaro said.

Just last Friday, Waagner was spotted at a Kinko's in Norfolk, Va., but police arrived 15 minutes too late, authorities said.

Waagner had been logging on to anti-abortion Web sites and checking e-mail at the stores, said Drew Wade, spokesman for the marshals service.

"This individual quite often visits Kinko's, ties into the network system and uses his computer on rental time at Kinko's," Policaro said.

An employee at the Kinko's store recognized Waagner from

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ITS struggles to speed up service

by Kara Hull
THE BG NEWS

University students have recently expressed concern with the slow nature of Internet connections and BGNet e-mail.

Freshman, Holly Barnes, has experienced problems with accessing her BGNet e-mail account and freely surf the web. She believes that the SuperNet is a "promoter of viruses, and it makes me wonder what kinds of firewalls and other types of protection are being utilized by the university staff." Barnes cautions fellow students to be aware of current viruses such as those which recently invaded her computer system.

"I was trying to work on a paper, and couldn't get to google.com," freshman Jen Laub said.

"It's highly frustrating," freshman, Rebecca Morgan said.

Freshman MacKenzie Herroon, has problems with

her Internet connection "all the time." Herroon added, "there are times when I can't even get into Bowling Green sites or Yahoo! to check my mail."

Freshman Tess Khoury also has problems checking e-mail on her BGNet account. "I always get reload or error messages," Khoury said.

Apparently the time of day when students are attempting to access the Internet in the residence halls, is a factor in the speed or availability of on-line services. This is possibly the reason why Elaine Korenich proudly said "I haven't had any problems."

"I'm not on the Internet a lot, so I haven't had too many problems with it," freshman, Emily Lawry said. "It's a lot easier to go on-line in the morning hours or late evening, than other times of the day."

Herroon agrees and said "at

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Students play club games for many reasons

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"Club sports literally act as a recruiting tool to get people here on campus," he said.

However, Long said athletes should not expect the club sport to act as a springboard toward a varsity squad, but as a form of enjoyment.

The track team will sometimes pull club track members, but most other club sport athletes go unnoticed by varsity coaches, Long said.

"Any varsity coach that wants our club athlete, that's great," he said. "Very rarely, in reality, have I heard of any of our club members going to varsity."

Simon said he got involved with club hockey to meet people with similar interests, play competitively and continue doing what he did in high school.

"Club sports are basically and extension," he said. "(Players) want to prolong their careers."

U. in progress of repairing connection

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certain times of the day, it's harder to navigate on-line because there are so many people already connected, and it's hard to go anywhere."

Bruce Petryshak, the university's Chief Information Officer is working in cooperation with Information Technology Services to remedy the problem.

Anti-abortion activist re-apprehended in Ohio

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a "wanted" flier and alerted police, who arrested Waagner and turned him over to the marshal's office in Cincinnati, Policaro said.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Lockhart in Cincinnati said his office would ask that Waagner be held without bond and be charged with illegal possession of a firearm as a convicted felon.

In addition, Lockhart said his office would review whether Waagner could be prosecuted and subject to life imprisonment because he had a weapon and had been convicted of three violent crimes.

Lockhart said he did not expect Waagner to be returned to Clinton, Ill., immediately. Waagner had escaped Feb. 22 from the DeWitt County Jail in Illinois while awaiting sentence

ing on federal firearms and auto theft convictions, Policaro said.

The Pittsburgh office of the Marshal's Service had been directing the search for Waagner because he is from Kennerdale, Pa., about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, Policaro said.

Waagner claimed responsibility for the letters sent to clinics and elsewhere when he showed up with a gun at the Georgia home of an anti-abortion activist last week, authorities said.

Waagner's wife, Mary, was relieved by the arrest.

"After this last thing, where he took credit for the fake anthrax threats and he said he had targeted 40 people to kill if they didn't quit, I really started praying hard that the Lord would block him from killing anyone," she said from her home near Clintonville, Pa.

Waagner has been on the lam

since February. He also was sought in bank robberies in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the firearms violations in Tennessee and a carjacking in Mississippi.

The FBI offered a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to his arrest.

"We can write across the face of that poster 'apprehended,'" Ashcroft said as a series of most-wanted-fugitive pictures were shown during Reyna's swearing-in ceremony.

Police said that on Sept. 7 Waagner abandoned a car on a highway in Memphis after colliding with a tractor-trailer. A pipe bomb was found in the car, along with anti-abortion literature and weapons.

Hours later, a man believed to be Waagner committed a carjacking in Tunica, Miss., about 40 miles southwest of Memphis, authorities said.

He had been arrested in September 1999 after he entered Illinois with his wife and eight children in a stolen Winnebago, which had four stolen handguns under the driver's seat, authorities said.

During his trial, Waagner testified that he had watched abortion clinics for months, stocking up on weapons after God asked him to "be my warrior" and kill doctors who provide abortions.

The Rev. Donald Spitz, a Pentecostal minister who heads Pro-Life Virginia in Chesapeake, Va., and a Waagner supporter, said it was shame that he got caught.

"Clayton closed down a lot of abortion mills, and I supposed he had plans to close down a lot more. He won't be able to fulfill that mission," Spitz said.

Vicki Saporta, executive director of the National Abortion Federation in Washington, said

she was relieved Waagner was apprehended. The group, which works with 400 abortion providers and health clinics nationwide, has been keeping its members notified of the latest news about Waagner.

"We've been very concerned that he remained at large for so long because he made some very specific threats," Saporta said. "He'll be going away for a very long time and we don't want any people who might have helped him to escape justice."

Ashcroft and others in federal law enforcement have said they're vigorously pursuing people who send anthrax threats as hoaxes, promising they will aggressively prosecute such individuals. Such acts cost local, state and federal valuable time that could be used to investigate actual anthrax threats, Ashcroft said.

Gov't to last for 30 months

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Pashtuns and heads an influential western Afghan clan with longstanding links to the Afghan royal dynasty exiled since King Mohammad Zaher Shah was deposed in 1973.

Karzai, who has Washington's support, has gone on a risky mission in recent weeks to win over tribesmen who supported the Taliban in his native Kandahar region.

In a CNN interview yesterday from Afghanistan, he called the appointment an honor and expressed hope for a smooth

transfer of power in Kabul.

"I hope very much it will be in the interest of the Afghan people, one that will keep our country good forever," he said.

In Kabul, northern alliance foreign minister Abdullah, who will retain his post, said Karzai was an acceptable choice.

"He's an educated, intelligent person who will put the interest of the Afghan nation above everything else," said Abdullah, who uses one name.

In Islamabad, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, denounced the interim administration, say-

ing Afghans would never accept a government organized by a foreign power.

"Any government imposed on Afghans from abroad can't be accepted," Zaeef told The Associated Press. "We reject this interim government. ... We will continue to fight against the puppets of America."

The U.N. accord sets the stage for a 2 1/2-year transitional period as a prelude to democratic elections and the drafting of a constitution based on principles of "Islam, democracy, pluralism and social justice."

HIV affects students

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smart woman who made the mistake of having unprotected sex. She added that unprotected sex is a major problem in a college environment.

According to the American College Health Association, it is estimated that one in five hundred college students are

infected in the HIV virus. A university the size of Bowling Green could contain 36 infected students.

A report by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention also shows that there is an increase in the infection rate of minorities and women.

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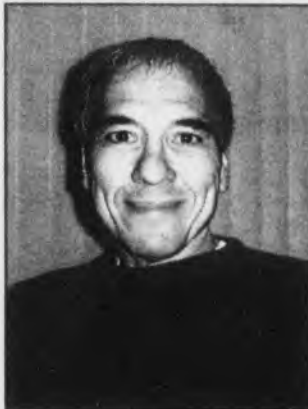
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Stop picking on Harry Potter



LISA BETTINGER
Entertainment
Editor

Harry Potter is in the biggest film on the planet right now. Despite being the most popular kid in school, he is still getting picked on.

First we have some religious groups going nuts because apparently both the film and the book series are tempting children to start practicing witchcraft. I remember watching a tape of some religious programming in my popular culture class. They had an expert going through the book and pointing out every little detail that had something to do with the occult and Satan.

Even though I am Catholic, I just did not get what the big deal is. I just sat there and I wanted to laugh. Don't these people have anything better to do with their time? With all of the money that has been wasted on TV programming, home videos, books on the subject, and all other sorts of media, these people could have been out helping others. For example, imagine how many homeless people could have been fed from that money. The other thing that gets me is that these people are selling books and videos about this. To me it just sounds like some way to make some money.

That is nowhere near as fun as those folks at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. The same folks who went after Chinese food and movie theater popcorn are now going after the deal struck between Warner Brothers, the company behind the Harry Potter film, and Coca-Cola.

The thing that has the center's knickers in a bind is the fact that Harry Potter is being used to promote "empty calories" and "liquid candy." They are asking fans to send an e-mail to J.K. Rowling, the author of the books, in an attempt to have the deal come to a crashing halt.

Reality check. There were probably millions of dollars exchanged with this deal. Does anyone really think that either J.K. Rowling or Warner Brothers is going to part with that cash? I don't think so.

According to both saveharry.com (the website set up for the cause) and a November 5 report in the Los Angeles Times, the deal states that Harry and his friends cannot be seen drinking the sugary drink on screen. I have seen one of the ads in question and all I saw was an ad for a contest to go to England. No wizards-in-training to be seen anywhere. The only thing remotely close to being a character from the film is Harry's pet owl, Hedwig. Let me tell you, nothing will make children run to a can of Coca-Cola faster than

seeing a white owl flying around on TV.

People, it's just a book and a movie. What people are forgetting is the fact that this book made millions of children read. That's right children walked away from their video games and they picked up a book. The film is just an added bonus for Potter fans.

Warner Brothers has been very careful with making sure that this film is not overhyped. According to that same Los Angeles Times report there will be no Happy Meal toys at McDonald's and no Kid's Meal toys at Burger King. Warner Brothers even turned down an offer by the New York Stock exchange to have the cast ring the opening bell.

And obviously these protests have been so effective. Look at the box office. It's clear to see that people have been avoiding this movie as if it was the plague. It only had the biggest opening weekend in history and it is still making money like crazy. Think about it, everything cool in entertainment is evil. Rock music is evil and so is TV. If that is the case then I guess there are a lot of us who are in some big trouble with the big man upstairs.

Please, let parents decide what their children should read and watch. More importantly let the children have some kind of fantasy world to call their own. They can worry about evil endorsement deals and issues regarding the occult when they grow up.

TODAY'S EVENTS

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

CAMPUS EVENTS

White Ribbon Days @ The Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall. Men of Bowling Green, who are against violence against women come and pick up a white ribbon anytime between now and Dec. 6. Wear the ribbon until that day as a statement to others that you want to see an end to gendered violence.

52nd Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition @ Dorothy Ober Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Building, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to see and purchase work by some of the finest artists in this region, this exhibition presents work in a wide range of media by current and emeriti faculty and current staff members of the School of Art.

BSU & Delta Sigma Theta AIDS Awareness @ 115 Olscamp Hall, 7 p.m. Come out and learn more about AIDS & HIV. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta and The Black Student Union will be hosting an AIDS Awareness. For

further details, please contact Kimili Sims at 354-0543. Guest Speaker Rae Lewis-Thorton will be giving a presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

Student Composers' Forum @ Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center, noon. The event is free and open to the public.

Poetry Reading — Denise Duhamel, author of "Girl Soldier;" and Kim Addonizio, author of "Tell Me" @ Prout Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Poetry and Fiction Readings sponsored by the BGSU Creative Writing Program, Mid-American Review, and English Department.

World Percussion Night @ Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center, 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

World AIDS Day @ Education Building Steps, 8 p.m. There will be a candle light vigil and speak out for World AIDS Day. Sponsored by the Wellness Connection.

BGVeg Meeting @ 211 University Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Raffle and Potluck sponsored by NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association) @ Speech and Hearing Clinic, second floor of Health Center, 6:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be available that night. Grand prize is a flower bouquet, movie theater tickets and a \$30 gift certificate to a restaurant.

Glory Phi God Bible study @ 116 Business Administration, 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS Small works fall exhibition @ Cosmos Coffee House. The exhibit features the work of three Fine Arts senior students; John Reddingston, Justin Behnken and Jay Christman.

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT? If you have a campus or city event that you would like to have listed in the calendar of events, send an e-mail to bgnews@bgsu.edu or stop by 210 West Hall with information on the event. The deadline is 6 p.m. two days before the event. The calendar does not print weekend events due to space limitations.

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THE CHARTS

Carol Burnett tops

Nielsen ratings

(AP) — Prime-time ratings compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Nov. 26 to Dec. 2. Listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

An "X" in parentheses denotes a one-time-only presentation. The rating is the percentage of the nation's esti-

mated 105.5 million TV homes. Each ratings point represents 1,055,000 households.

1. (X) "Carol Burnett Show: Show Stoppers," CBS, 18.9, 20.0 million homes.

2. (3) "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS, 15.2, 16.1 million homes.

3. (5) "Law and Order," NBC, 13.7, 14.4 million homes.

3. (5) "The West Wing," NBC, 13.7, 14.5 million homes.

5. (1) "Friends," NBC, 13.2,

14.0 million homes.

6. (7) "Becker," CBS, 12.9, 13.6 million homes.

7. (4) "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS, 12.2, 12.8 million homes.

7. (8) "NFL Monday Night Football: Tampa Bay at St. Louis," ABC, 12.2, 13.0 million homes.

9. (13) "Judging Amy," CBS, 11.4, 12.0 million homes.

10. (12) "JAG," CBS, 10.9, 11.6 million homes.

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OUR TAKE

MAJORITY OPINIONS OF THE BG NEWS EDITORIAL BOARD

Where is the anti-war movement?

Not that we mind, but we were just wondering whatever became of the anti-war movement.

When the United States began bombing Afghanistan back in October, experts predicted a strong backlash against the use of force.

We held our breath, wondering when the Vietnam-esque movements would begin. Sure there were letters to the editor from people who were against the use of force, but they were outnumbered in a landslide by the people that were for it.

Maybe it is because this conflict seems less self-serving than

previous wars. A decade ago, citizens proclaimed the U.S. went to war because they were trying to protect the Middle-East oil supply. Decades before that, people marched against the Vietnam conflict because they felt we didn't belong there.

The nationwide sorrow for the victims of Sept. 11 may, in part, credit the lack of anti-war movements. Suddenly, President George W. Bush has the highest approval rating after a lackluster start to his term.

Maybe the anti-war movement doesn't even exist this time around. If it exists, it doesn't seem prevalent on college

campuses where patriotism thrives. There are no buttons, pins, banners, signs or rallies to be found. A recent study at the Institute of Politics at Harvard found that 75 percent of students trust the American military to "do the right thing all or most of the time."

Even though there are pacifists that oppose the war, we would be hard pressed to find someone who sides completely with the enemy. Whether unnecessary or unpopular, there is no sign of opposition.

Is BG 'Heritage 2000' project ADA compliant?

MARGO WONG

Guest Columnist

Wow! The city of Bowling Green has sure made our downtown area beautiful. "Heritage 2000" was a success. OK, maybe it will be a success when it's completed in June and complies with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA).

That's right, with \$5.5 million of your tax money and millions to go, a broad ADA survey has raised questions as to whether the layout is within compliance.

Has anyone attempted to walk across the crosswalks on a rainy day? I mean slide across the crosswalks. What is that stuff made of? I wouldn't be surprised to see that stuff on kid's Slip 'N Slides this summer. It will definitely make for a more interesting experience. Just wait until the

snow arrives, won't that be a treat to watch?

Grading on the slopes would help those in wheel chairs slow down before they enter the street. That would be helpful, but where is it? On some streets it is nowhere to be found, and on others, the distance between grade lines is close to illegal.

Something that the city planner has done well was making sure that the sidewalks are the correct width. Very well done. I just hope that someone in a wheelchair doesn't have to make a quick turnaround where there are light posts on one side of the sidewalk and cement blocks on the other. The minimum width required by law is 36 inches. Those areas come in at 38.75 inches — not much breathing room.

What are the point of those posts just standing out there? They can't be for looks because they are the ugliest

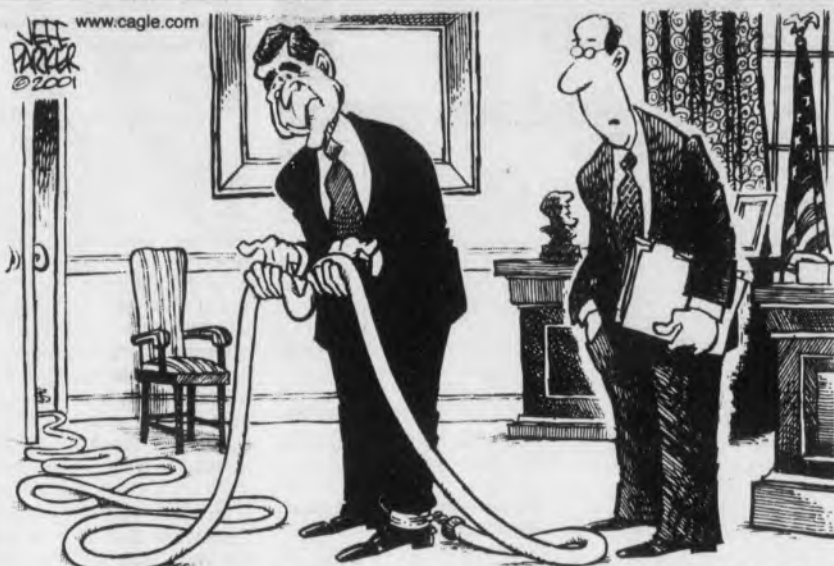
things I've seen in the downtown area. Do they serve a purpose other than being a hindrance and an annoyance? They will end up doing more harm than good.

Just a quick point for businesses downtown. Your doors have to be wide enough for a wheelchair to fit through.

Also, those inclines in front of the doors are probably a bit too steep. Oh yeah, fix the stairs that lead to your establishments, as well as railings. That's right, some of you don't have railings. Not a good idea.

Although none of the above information has been proven by engineers, a quick survey of the downtown area and the general plans for "Heritage 2000" have raised some questions as to the city's compliance with ADA.

More research will be done and the results will be published.



"I DON'T KNOW, SIR... BUT I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT ALL THE SLACK YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN LATELY BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE COULD EXTEND ALL THE WAY TO BAGHDAD."



Don't shoot the messenger (literally)



KURTIS D. KINZEL

Opinion Columnist

Once again, life has turned the tables on the media. First, was the anthrax death of a man who worked at the *National Enquirer*. Suddenly, instead of the smut newspaper looking for a sensational story, they were the story. Sounds like poetic justice to this author.

Anthrax seemed to be a media magnet. Tainted letters were sent to Tom Brokaw of "NBC Nightly News," Dan Rather of the "CBS Evening News" and somehow, a baby visiting ABC News headquarters contracted anthrax. We wondered, are they targeting the media?

Early on in the conflict with Afghanistan, women dressed in burkas (the traditional mandated body covering) and infiltrated the country to get the scoop. They stood in the crossfire that was Ground Zero to bring the public the inside story. They risked their lives.

In fact, a female journalist, Yvonne Ridley, of the London Express News, was captured and

held by the Taliban in early October. She was eventually set free.

In another twist to an already bizarre story, the Taliban announced a \$50,000 bounty for anyone who kills a western journalist. Now, instead of the journalist chasing the story, the story, for all intents and purposes, is chasing them.

Doesn't this all seem a little bit odd? Journalists go to great lengths to bring the story to the American public and this is how they are rewarded?

Don't kill the messenger. Journalists (ideally) are just the messengers, providing a public service by finding and relaying the information to the general public. Whether or not, dear readers, you agree or disagree, it's not really our fault. We just provide the service.

The phrase, "don't kill the messenger" is originally attributed to Sophocles "Antigone," but was made popular in William Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part II" and "Antony and Cleopatra" (All references present a disclaimer for the messenger of bad news).

Currently, the messengers are the anchors and reporters from major television and newspapers.

What the messengers represent. It's not so much the messengers that the Taliban are trying to stop, it's the message. Since the Taliban doesn't support free speech and free press in any form. They resent that we tell our country everything, largely through the media. They resent that we are able to have independent thought. They say it's a "Western" thing. The Taliban also resents being made out as the cold-hearted villains they are. Our journalists are just doing their job.

Since they really aren't winning the war on any other fronts, apparently they decided the journalists are something they can control. Basically, they are flexing their muscles in the only way they can.

It's the price paid. Avoiding blowing my own horn I will say this: I appreciate the media and the lengths they go to bring the news home, more now than ever. Even if we don't have a price on our heads (although, I'm sure if you're really gung-ho about it, this author can point you in the direction) we still take some of the blame for the information we report.

Don't shoot us, we're just the messengers.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If Osama bin Laden is found, what should be done with him?

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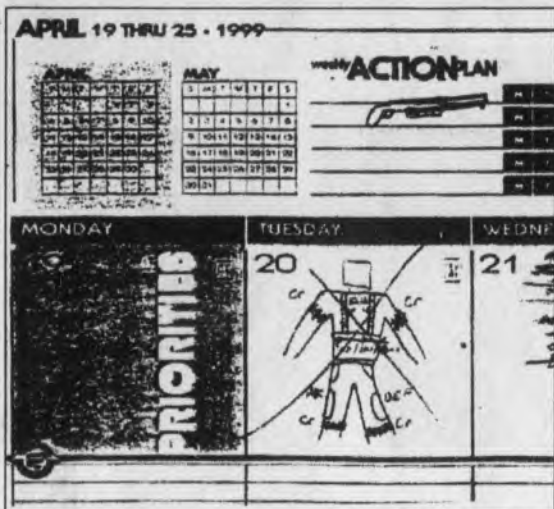
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"I think he should be killed."

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"I think he should be executed in public."

Columbine killer's diary reveals bloodbath fantasy



JOURNAL: A page from the daily planner that belonged to Eric Harris includes a diagram of how to hide weapons.

by Colleen Slevin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — A journal written by Columbine High School killer Eric Harris indicates he fantasized about causing a far larger bloodbath of epic proportions, including crashing a plane into New York City.

In the journal — written a year before the April 20, 1999, massacre — Harris wrote that he and Dylan Klebold planned to set off hundreds of bombs around houses, roads, bridges and service stations.

"It'll be like the LA riots, the Oklahoma bombing, WWII, Vietnam, Duke and Doom all mixed together... I want to leave a lasting impression on the world," he wrote.

The journal was found after

the high school attack in a search of Harris' home.

Victims' families said the pages raise new questions. The families said sheriff's investigators had drafted an affidavit to search Harris' home a year before the attack but the search was never carried out.

"Had the police put forth a normal effort attached to any type of search warrant, I'm convinced there would have been no attack on Columbine," Brian Rohrbough, father of slain student Daniel Rohrbough, told The Denver Post.

Jefferson County sheriff's office spokeswoman Jacki Tallman said it is not clear whether a search would have turned up Harris' plans.

Harris and Klebold shot and

killed 12 fellow students and a teacher, and wounded more than two dozen others before committing suicide.

Harris wrote that if he and Klebold did survive, the two would try to escape to a foreign country where they could not be extradited.

"If there isn't such place then we will hijack a hell of a lot of bombs and crash a plane into NYC with us inside (f)iring away as we go down. just something to cause more devastation," Harris wrote.

Victims' families had sued sheriff's officials and school administrators, alleging they ignored warnings of the attack and botched the rescue. But a federal judge last week dismissed all but one lawsuit, ruling officials had been confronted with a "rapidly evolving violent situation."

Excerpts of Harris' journal first appeared on the weekly newspaper Westword's Web site and were reported in Wednesday's Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post.

Last year, a judge had ordered the Jefferson County sheriff's office to withhold the journal when he ruled that other documents could be released to the public.

The journal entries flesh out the picture of Harris as a teen who felt excluded by other kids.

"I hate you people for leaving me out of so many fun things," he wrote. "You people had my phone, and I asked and all, but no no no no no don't let the weird looking Eric kid come along."

Space shuttle finally takes off

by Marcia Dunn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After nearly a week of delays, space shuttle Endeavour blasted off under heavy protection yesterday on a flight to deliver a new crew to the international space station.

The shuttle left a beautiful golden and peach contrail as it rose from its seaside pad shortly before sunset, carrying seven astronauts and a load of station supplies.

It was NASA's first mission since the Sept. 11 attacks and it received more security than any other space shot.

Launch director Mike Leinbach apologized to the astronauts for keeping them in town a few extra days. "Have a great flight," he said right before liftoff.

Replied shuttle commander Dominic Gorie: "We're all aware that for over 200 years and certainly over the last two months, freedom rings loud and clear across this country. But right here and right now, it's time to let freedom roar. Let's light them up!"

Endeavour had been poised for lift off since last Thursday. A jammed docking mechanism at the space station forced two delays. Once that was fixed, bad weather interfered at the last minute with a launch attempt on Tuesday. NASA fretted over clouds and gusty wind again on Wednesday, but the conditions improved in time for the 5:19 p.m. launch.

Fighter jets and helicopters were on patrol throughout the countdown, as well as military personnel in camouflage. A no-fly zone was established 35 miles around the launch pad, and boats were banned within three miles of shore.

Journalists could not be present for the astronauts' departure for the launch pad. Even space center employees were kept a few hundred feet away behind a barricade. The crew was escorted by guards with automatic rifles; a Humvee with a .50-caliber machine gun was parked along the road to the pad.

The space station and its crew were soaring over the Arabian Sea when Endeavour took off. NASA said the shuttle reached orbit without any trouble and should dock with the station on Friday.

The three men awaiting Endeavour's arrival — American

commander Frank Culbertson and Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhnev and Mikhail Tyurin — logged their 117th day in space Wednesday. They moved into the space station last August.

Their replacements, two Americans and one Russian, will live aboard the orbiting outpost until May.

The shuttle was also carrying New York City police and fire regalia and thousands of small American flags. The flags will be distributed after Endeavour's 11-day flight to families of those killed on Sept. 11 and some of those who survived the attacks.



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OPEC threatens to cut crude oil production

by Bruce Stanley
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — OPEC is poised to trigger a 6 percent cut in its official crude oil output after Russia, relenting to intense pressure, agreed to reduce its production by 150,000 barrels a day to help prop up sagging oil prices.

Russia's decision yesterday ended a showdown with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that threatened to unleash a price war for crude. One energy analyst forecast that the overall decrease in oil output would nudge gasoline prices higher but said he expected the rise would be modest.

"It's a very positive move in the right direction," said Kuwaiti Oil Minister Adel al-Sabeh.

Oil futures surged almost \$1 higher on the news, then fell back as skepticism grew about Russia's resolve to honor its commitment.

OPEC was preparing to issue a communique today announcing it would proceed with cuts of 1.5 million barrels a day in its own production, said an official from the group's headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

After the decision in Russia, attention shifted to Norway, the

world's third-largest exporter of oil behind Saudi Arabia and Russia. OPEC has asked Norway for similar cuts.

A firm commitment from Norway, together with the pledge from Russia, would come very close to satisfying OPEC's demand that oil-producing countries outside the group cooperate with its plan to reduce its own production by 1.5 million barrels a day, or 6 percent. OPEC supplies about a third of the world's oil.

"I think it makes triggering the OPEC cuts a near certainty," said George Beranek of The Petroleum Finance Co., a Washington consultancy.

"That's going to mean, over time, higher crude prices, which will be reflected in higher refined product prices," he said.

However, energy analysts noted that U.S. inventories of gasoline and other refined products are plentiful. "I really don't think we have to worry about a return to last spring's very high gasoline prices," Beranek said.

In an unusual act of diplomatic brinkmanship, OPEC insisted last month that non-OPEC producers promise to trim their output by a total of 500,000 barrels a day before it would put its own

cuts into effect Jan. 1.

Russia had said for weeks it would cut output by just 50,000 barrels a day. By agreeing yesterday to triple the size of that cut, Russian oil companies appeared to acknowledge that OPEC members were probably better equipped than they to weather a collapse in prices caused by a potential glut in crude.

OPEC wants Norway to pare at least 150,000 barrels from its daily production, the OPEC official said. Norway has so far offered broadly to cut output by 100,000-200,000 barrels a day.

Mexico, another leading non-OPEC supplier, has already pledged to pump 100,000 fewer barrels a day, while Oman promises to cut output by 40,000 barrels.

OPEC is hoping for an additional cut of 40,000 barrels from Angola — enough to take the total cut in non-OPEC production to 480,000 barrels a day. The Angolan oil minister said Tuesday that his country would cooperate with OPEC but did not specify the size of any reduction, the OPEC official said.

Semester at Sea program avoids Middle East area

by Anita Snow
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Hundreds of American college students poured off a ship yesterday for a two-day visit to Cuba after their world floating campus cruise was diverted from the Middle East because of security concerns.

The University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program was supposed to take 672 students from more than 250 colleges through the Suez Canal, with stops in Egypt and Turkey.

"After the September terrorist attacks they wanted us to avoid the Middle East," Edgar Seah, 23, a Carnegie Mellon University student, said of the program directors.

"This route is better than the original one. Not only did we get to come to Cuba, but we went to the Seychelles in Africa, which is a tropical paradise," Seah said.

Cuban officials were pleased by the floating campus' choice of their country as a safe place to visit after the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan. Havana has been promoting Cuba as a secure tourism destination.

Student leaders and government officials welcomed the Americans with speeches and salsa music.



Associated Press Photo

CUSTOMS: American student Nona Soltis presents her passport at the Cruisers terminal in Havana, Cuba Wednesday Dec. 5 2001.

"When you leave here two days from now, I assure that you will have many good Cuban friends," Hassan Perez, head of the University Students Federation, told the American students inside Havana's cruise ship terminal.

Some of the students said program organizers and lecturers had told them that Cuba was relatively safe to visit.

"We understand that there are few security concerns here," said

Adrianna Allison, 21, a student from Azusa Pacific University.

Allison said her sister came on the same study cruise last year and still talks about a lengthy meeting the students had with Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

This is the fifth time that the Semester at Sea has visited Havana since the first visit here in 1999, when the floating campus came with a special license from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Autopsy shows ex-wife of former South Africa Pres. was strangled

by Mike Cohen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — An autopsy on the body of Marike de Klerk, the ex-wife of apartheid South Africa's last president, F.W. de Klerk, revealed that she had been strangled, police said.

De Klerk's body was discovered

of death, police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said.

De Klerk, 64, also had cuts on her arms, which police believe she sustained trying to fend off a knife attack.

There were no immediate arrests and police did not have any suspects. South Africa's has

about 4 p.m. Tuesday after her hairdresser, arriving for an appointment, became concerned when de Klerk did not answer the door. The hairdresser summoned neighborhood security guards who found the body at the entrance to her bedroom.

Nothing was missing from de

eral small bones and bursting a blood vessel.

Knobel told the Cape Argus newspaper that he found part of the blade of a serrated steak knife that had broken off in de Klerk's back, but said it had not penetrated any of her organs.

The de Klerks divorced in 1998

the ranks of the ruling National Party during apartheid, his wife also was politically active, eventually leading the party's women's organization.

F.W. de Klerk said in a statement released yesterday he was devastated and deeply shocked at the circumstances under

Africa, his spokesman Dave Steward said.

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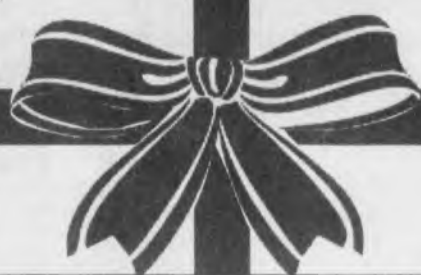
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Bowling Green men's soccer player Tony Malik was honored recently by the Great Lakes Region and Ohio Colleges for his performance during his senior season. He was selected third-team All-Great Lakes Region and first-team All-Ohio. This marked the first time Malik was named to either the All-District or All-Ohio teams. Both teams were voted on by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The defender helped lead a Falcon defense that allowed just 18 goals in 17 games (1.1 per game), including eight in the last 10 games. He also chipped in two goals and one assist. Malik was named to the Mid-American Conference First Team and to the MAC All-Tournament team in November, as well as serving as assistant captain on the 2001 squad.

Fellow senior Detrick Matthews was a member of the second team as a forward on the All-Ohio team. Matthews led the Falcons in scoring with a career-high six goals and 13 points. He also had three game-winning goals.

This marks the eighth-straight season that at least one Falcon has been named to the All-Great Lakes Region team and the 39th season at least one Bowling Green player has been named to the All-Ohio team.

Rommeck named to All-Region Team

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Bowling Green State University senior Caty Rommeck has been named to the All-Mideast Region volleyball team, it was announced yesterday. The announcement was made by the American Volleyball Coaches Association office.

Rommeck becomes just the fourth Falcon player to earn all-region honors in the history of the program, and the first in a decade. Tammy Schiller and Lisa Mika were the most recent BGSU honorees, having earned the distinction in 1991.

Rommeck one of just two Mid-American Conference players named to the team, joining Northern Illinois setter Jenny Bowman. The rest of the 12-member team is comprised of players from the Big Ten Conference.

"I am thrilled that Caty has been named to the All-Region Team," said BGSU head coach Denise Van De Walle. "It is truly an honor to be recognized in this way."

"Our region produces so many outstanding players that it has been nearly impossible to get on that team. I am really proud of Caty and all that she has accomplished here at BG. This is a great way to end a wonderful career."

Rommeck capped off her successful three-year career at BGSU by leading the Falcons to a third consecutive 21-win season. She was named to the All-MAC First Team for the second-straight year after leading the league by a wide margin in kills per game (4.59 - second-place Megan Hammons of Ball State had 4.05) and finishing second in the league in blocks per game (1.38). Rommeck also finished among the MAC leaders in hitting percentage (.304, eighth), and she was second on the team in digs (2.66). Rommeck just missed cracking the league's top 15 in the latter category.

Rommeck cracked several BGSU single-season lists in 2001. Her 514 kills was the sixth-highest total in school history, and her 4.59 kills-per-game average placed her fourth. She also made the seasonal lists for blocks per game (1.38; sixth), total blocks (154, seventh), block assists (116; eighth), attack attempts (1,192; eighth) and hitting percentage (.304; 10th).

She also earned MAC Player-of-the-Week awards on two occasions this season, and was



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Falcon hoop dreams

Crawford passed on Big Ten to wear Brown and Orange uniform

by Erik Cassano
THE BG NEWS

For those Rudys of the world who dreamed their whole life of playing college sports, who would have put their left eye out with a rusty screwdriver just to play Division III badminton, exercise some caution before reading on.

Erik Crawford, a freshman guard/forward on the Bowling Green basketball team, took a pass on playing college football at a Big Ten school.

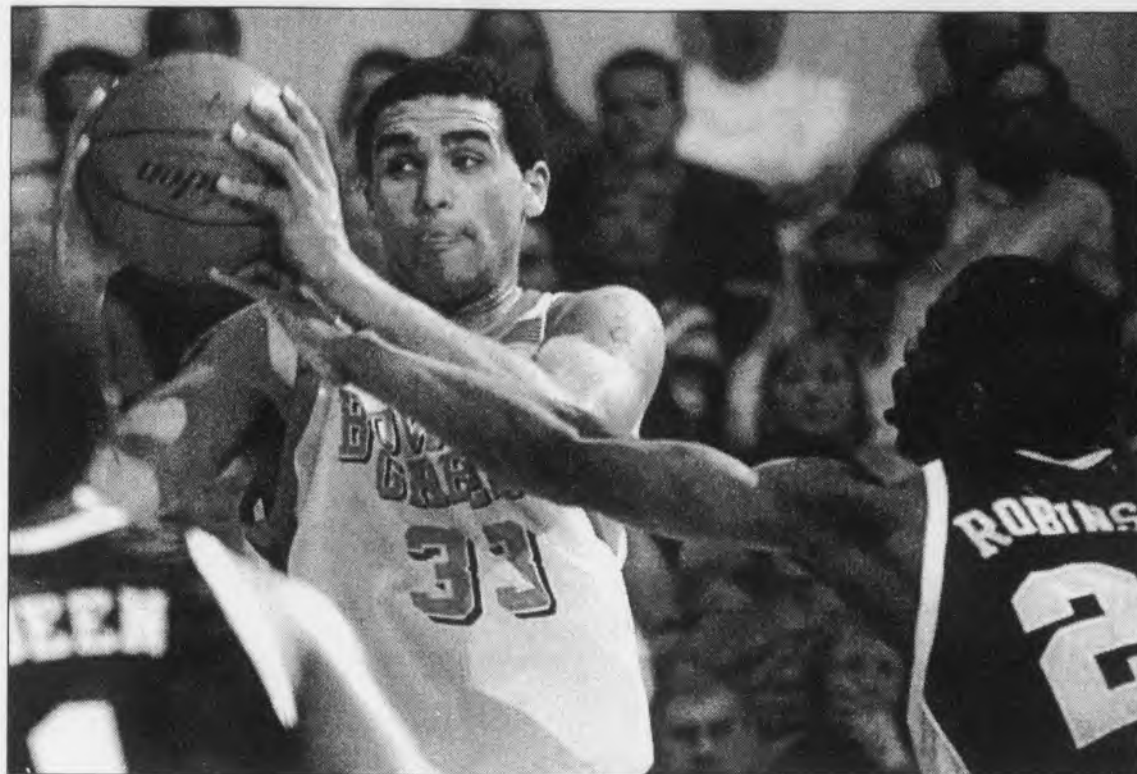
Crawford, an all-state wide receiver in Minnesota, was courted by Minnesota and Wisconsin for football before deciding he wanted to play basketball for a smaller school.

"I just like it (basketball) more," Crawford said. "There's more action. Football is one play then a 30-second break. Basketball is one smooth movement."

No basketball program took a recruiting interest in the former Minnesota State defensive player of the year for fear of losing him to football, so he had to find his own school. He paid his own way to Bowling Green to watch them play Marshall in February.

"His mother and he flew here on their own expense," BG coach Dan Dakich said. "His mom fell in love with the campus, the kid fell in love with the place, and they committed."

Crawford is part of a four-man freshman class for Dakich, and,



Michael Lehmkuhle BG News

FROM FOOTBALL TO FALCON BALLER: Freshman Erik Crawford has made enough of an impact to already be a starter for the Falcon basketball team. He was heavily recruited to play football by major college programs, including Wisconsin and Minnesota, but chose the path of basketball at a smaller school.

at least in the early going, has had the most impact during games. He scored nine points in last week's win over Michigan, and has already made his presence known at the defensive end of the floor, so much so that he's drawing high praise from Dakich less than halfway through his first year in the program.

"Erik really makes us a better team defensively," Dakich said. "He might be the smartest freshman we've had here at the defensive end, he may be one of the two or three smartest freshman

I've ever coached. He really knows how to play."

Crawford said he likes to play defense first, likes the challenge of defending a tough player. With the likes of Tamar Slay, David Webber and Trevor Huffman awaiting in the conference schedule, Crawford will get ample testing as a defender in the coming months. That might not be the biggest test, however.

Freshman fatigue sets in quickly, especially in a physically grueling sport like basketball. Crawford, conditioned to play

the 20-plus games of a high school schedule, is already eight games into his first collegiate season, including exhibitions. It started to show at the end of the Marist game Saturday.

"I thought Erik got really tired," Dakich said. "This is a grind. He's already into his fourth month of playing."

Among the teammates that have been helping Crawford adjust have been, according to him, senior Keith McLeod.

"Keith has helped me almost everyday in practice, on the

offensive and defensive end," Crawford said.

So what about the future?

"Each year, I just want to get better, improve physically, improve everything," he said. "I want to be a better person. The seniors we have, are really good people this year."

McLeod said that when he is done, he wants to be remembered first as a good teammate. Intelligent on the floor and attentive to those above him, he appears to be on the right track.

Hockey signs Alberta trio

by Dan Nied
THE BG NEWS

It may have taken a lot of frequent flyer miles, but in the end Bowling Green hockey and assistant coach Dave Smith got what they wanted.

Smith signed a trio of Alberta natives on the Olds Grizzlies of the Alberta Junior Hockey League to play at Bowling Green next season.

Forwards Brett Pilkington, 17, and Ryan Barnett, 18 and defenseman Donnie Morrison, 18, will wear the brown and orange next year after the Falcons say good-bye to a senior class that includes the likes of Grady Moore, Greg Day, and Scott Hewson.

"These players will be a great addition for Bowling Green," said Olds coach Brett Cox.

Pilkington may be the prize of the bunch that Smith has been eyeing. However, Barnett has outscored linemate Pilkington this year with 22 goals and 39 points to Pilkington's 10 goals and 27 points. The two have been playing together since they were in grade school so the Falcons are hoping they can continue to perform well together in college.

"We're hoping they can be linemates," Smith said. "We looked around for the best forward to get for Pilkington to play with, and it turned out to be Barnett."

Cox compared Barnett to Detroit Red Wing Luc Robitaille. While neither will add much size to the lineup - Barnett is 5'11 175 lbs. and Pilkington is 6'0 185 lbs. - the duo should provide some offensive punch for Bowling Green as

they are both gifted puckhandlers.

Morrison should provide backline support to a Falcon defense corp that will have no seniors next year.

"He's like a Marc Barlow-type of player," said Smith, comparing Morrison to the current BG assistant captain and senior defenseman who is strong on both offense and defense.

Morrison, 5'10, 180 has displayed an astonishing amount of maturity for a player his age.

"I tell people Morrison's 18 going on 35," Cox said. "He is a very good kid and very mature."

Line Shift

In response to the Falcon's recent scoring problems, Bowling Green head coach Buddy Powers has decided to shake up the lines for this weekend's home series against Notre Dame.

Greg Day, who was on an all senior line with Austin de Luis and Scott Hewson against Nebraska-Omaha last weekend, has been paired with freshman Dennis White and junior Tyler Knight. Fittingly, Knight and Day have played together before, but not often. White can prove his mettle when he gets his first real chance to score goals with the Falcons.

"We brought Dennis White in to score goals," Powers said. "Now we want to see what he does with a center like Greg Day."

An intriguing and potentially entertaining move will be Hewson's shift to a checking line featuring his old buddy Ryan Wetterberg. The senior grinders were paired up with Dennis



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FIRE AWAY: Falcon defenseman Matthew Lynn takes a swing at the puck in a recent game. Brett Pilkington, Ryan Barnett and Donnie Morrison will join Lynn next season.

Williams during their sophomore year to form the infamous "sparkplug line" which specialized in getting under the skin of opponents. Hewson was excited to get back with his old comrades.

"I love that kid," he said. "We've missed each other. It will be good to play with him again this weekend."

Their line will be completed by either Steve Brudzewski or Erik Eaton.

De Luis will play with freshman scorer Ryan Minabariett and sophomore Mark Wires. Roger Leonard, D'Arcy McConvey, and Colen Pappas will round out the BG lineup.

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Spikers finish strong

by Erica Gambaccini
THE BG NEWS

The volleyball team finished their season a little over a week ago, again in a tough five game loss to Ball State in the Mid-American Conference Semifinals Match.

"We had a tremendous season," said head coach Denise Van De Walle. "It was disappointing to lose to Ball State when we had such an exciting win over Western a few days earlier."

The Falcons finished out the season 21-8 overall and 12-6 in the MAC. This record was good enough for a first place finish in the MAC East Division.

"I was happy to repeat as East Division champions by ourselves this year since last year we shared the title," Van De Walle said. "Midway through the season it didn't look like we would win the division."

The Falcons were 12-6 at one point in the season, but they stepped up and won eight games in a row.

This year the Falcons were led by senior Caty Rommeck who led the conference in kills per game with 4.59. She also ranked second in blocks (1.36) and eighth in hitting percentage (.304).

Yesterday Rommeck was named to the All-Mideast

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Anderson might join Indians

by Tom Withers
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Free agent outfielder Brady Anderson, dumped after 14 years by the Baltimore Orioles, is close to signing a one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians, a team source told The Associated Press.

Anderson, who will be 38 in January, could sign with the Indians as early as Thursday, said the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Baltimore decided to release Anderson after he batted just .202 — 59 points below his career average — with eight homers and 45 RBIs last season.

The Orioles ate the final season of a five-year, \$31 million contract Anderson signed after the 1997 season. The Indians would have to pay \$200,000 of Anderson's salary with the

Orioles picking up the remaining \$3.8 million for next season.

Cleveland general manager Mark Shapiro would only confirm that the Indians were interested in Anderson.

The Indians were one of several teams interested in signing Anderson, a three-time All-Star who hit 50 home runs in 1996. The New York Yankees also pursued Anderson but decided to break off talks, leaving him to the Indians.

The signing is low risk for Cleveland, which has been looking for a corner outfielder and who are trying to trim its payroll from \$90 million to around \$75 million for next season.

Anderson has played most of his career in center field, but will likely bat leadoff and play left field for the Indians. With Anderson leading off, Indians

manager Charlie Manuel could bat center fielder Milton Bradley near the bottom of the order.

Bradley was acquired last season in a trade with Montreal, and the youngster wouldn't feel as much pressure hitting lower in the order with Anderson around.

The Indians will also benefit from Anderson's leadership in the clubhouse.

Despite his dreary 2000 season, Anderson remained a positive influence with the Orioles.

Anderson recently said he felt slighted in being released by the Orioles on Nov. 16, but was encouraged that other teams were still interested in his services.

"I had my mind made up to finish my career in Baltimore," he said. "Now you want to go where you're wanted."



Associated Press

TRIBE CENTER FIELDER?: Former Baltimore Orioles center fielder Brady Anderson could possibly be join in the Indians next season.

Basketball Downs Duquesne, 64-62

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Keith McLeod had 28 points and five rebounds as Bowling Green came from behind to beat Duquesne 64-62 on Wednesday night.

Duquesne (2-3) led 32-30 at the half and stretched their advantage to 41-35 before Bowling Green (6-1) began a 25-8 run that gave them their largest lead of the night, 60-49 with 5:37 left.

The Dukes closed to within two, 62-60, after an Aly Samabaly layup with 54 seconds left. But

McLeod sank two key free throws to stretch the lead to 64-60 before Wayne Smith scored a meaningless buzzer-beater for the final margin.

Smith led Duquesne with 21 points, while Aaron Lovelace had 13 points and led both teams with eight rebounds.

McLeod was the only player in double figures for Bowling Green.

The Dukes entered the game shooting 50 percent from 3-point range at home, but were just 2-for-7, including an 0-for-3 second half.

Icers rest up, prepare

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"I think it's a good thing to shake things up," Leonard said. "I'm looking forward to playing with D'Arcy and Colen. Hopefully this will give us more offense."

Notebook

Powers had a chance to watch the film of Saturday's 2-1 loss to Nebraska-Omaha that was decided on a disputed UNO goal. The goal was called by the referee, but the goal judge never turned on the goal lamp. BG goalie Tyler Masters heavily disputed the goal. Powers said he wasn't sure if it had gone in. Wednesday he had a different story.

"Let's face it, that puck never went in the net," he said. "I

thought the referee was right behind the net when he made the call but he was in the corner. We should have tied that game 1-1."

With their 0-14 power play against UNO last weekend the Falcons went from second in the CCHA in power play percentage to fifth.

Powers gave his team the day off Tuesday so they could catch up on schoolwork before finals. The Falcons had a hard practice Monday, a usually light day, and lifted yesterday after practice.

The players were allowed to go out Saturday night for the first time this season. Since Sept. 24 Powers and his staff have enforced a no drinking policy.

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Rommeck lead spikers to 21 wins

VOLLEYBALL, FROM PAGE 8

Region volleyball team, which is the same region as the Big Ten.

"Only 12 players are acknowledged, and their are eight regions, so only 96 players can receive this honor," Van De Walle said. "It has been 10 years since someone from BG was won this."

Rommeck is just the fourth Falcon player to earn all-region honors in the history of the program. Tammy Schiller and Lisa Mika were the most recent players honored from BG. They received this honor in 1991.

She was also named to the All-MAC first team for her second year in a row, while junior Kristin Gamby earned honorable mention.

"I was proud of Caty making first team," Van De Walle said. "I was also proud of Gamby being honorable mention. I was a little

disappointed that Natalie Becker's talent went unnoticed. I thought she could have made first team."

The Falcons have six seniors graduating this year: Rommeck, Becker, Amber Vorst, Shyann Robinson, Kate Yeo, and Karen Amstrutz.

"You can never replace seniors," Van De Walle said. "Losing six players is a lot. We are going to miss the leadership of the seniors. Next year I hope the other players can step up."

Next year the Falcons will move to the West Division in the MAC, which according to Van De Walle is a tougher division, but she said she's up for the challenge.

"I hated to see the season end," Van De Walle said. "I would have liked to see this team compete in the championship match against Northern Illinois."



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Grossman receives AP's top honors

by Richard Rosenblatt
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Rex Grossman might remember his record-setting year at Florida more for the sting of a season-shattering loss.

Despite a gallant effort by Grossman, Florida lost to Tennessee 34-32 last week and missed a chance to play for the Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the BCS' national championship game in the Rose Bowl.

The loss did little to hurt the stature of the nation's top-rated passer, who was chosen Wednesday as The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

"Our season fell short of what we hoped," Grossman said. "We're a little down in Gainesville. I thought I had a pretty good year, but two losses is kind of all we can think about right now."

Grossman received 18 votes in balloting by the 72 members of the AP college football poll board, which includes member newspapers, TV and radio stations. He edged Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey by three votes, with Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch third with 12 votes.

Oklahoma safety Roy Williams

was fourth with seven votes, and Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El and Miami left tackle Bryant McKinnie tied for fifth with five votes each.

"There are some tremendous players around the country and I am privileged to be in their company and receive this award," Grossman said.

Gators coach Steve Spurrier said the sophomore "richly deserved" the honor.

"He is probably the best pure passer of the quarterbacks I have coached and is one of the most courageous players," he said. "He loves to compete and play the game."

Grossman is among four finalists for the Heisman Trophy, to be awarded Saturday night. He's also up for Walter Camp player of the year, the Maxwell Award and the Davey O'Brien national quarterback of the year.

With Grossman at the controls, Spurrier finally closed his revolving door of quarterbacks, which began after 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel departed.

Grossman, a Parade All-American from Bloomington, Ind., didn't even know he'd be

running the Fun 'N Gun until finally beating out Brock Berlin for the job.

Once he got going, the numbers started piling up. The nation's leader in total offense threw for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns.

Grossman's biggest game was a 464-yard, five-TD effort in just over three quarters of a 44-15 win at LSU on Oct. 6. He directed the nation's second-best offense, which averaged 43.8 points and 527.5 yards a game.

At the end of the Gators' 9-2 season, Grossman's stats were staggering.

He broke Wuerffel's single-season passing yardage record of 3,625 yards, threw for 300 or more yards in 10 of 11 games, topped 400 yards twice and set career highs for completions and attempts in the loss to Tennessee.

Against the Vols, he was 33-of-51 for 362 yards with two TDs passing and one rushing despite a weak running game that allowed the Vols to come up with four sacks and an interception.

While Grossman's numbers were far superior to Dorsey's, they could have been even bigger.

Many of the Gators' wins were

decided by halftime, and Grossman hardly played — if at all — in the fourth quarter of six games. Before the game against the Vols, he had completed 20 of 30 passes for 369 yards and six TDs in fourth quarters. Berlin had nine TD passes, mostly in a cleanup role.

"That's nine we could have added onto Rex," Spurrier said. "Some people around the country look at Rex's statistics and think, 'They let him fire away when they're well ahead.' But that's not true. That's OK, we can't make them believe everything."

With losses to Auburn and Tennessee, the Gators might still end up playing in the Orange Bowl. But Grossman has two more seasons to reach his primary goal.

"I didn't get the job done fully; we lost two games," Grossman said. "I look forward to next year and the year after that. Hopefully, we'll get a national championship before I'm done."

Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel was last year's AP player of the year.



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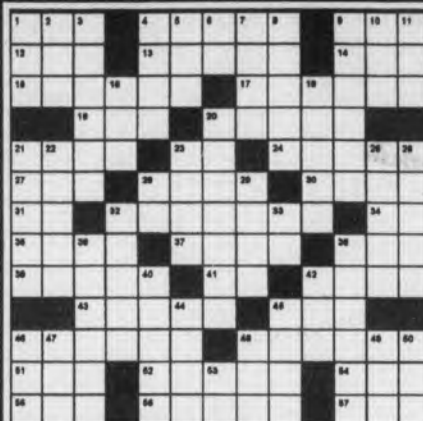
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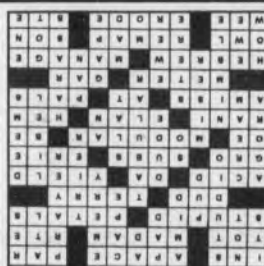
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- 1 Officeholders
- 4 Keeping up
- 9 Equal
- 12 Small child
- 13 A lady
- 14 Route (abbr.)
- 15 Dull
- 17 Flower parts
- 19 Unexploded bomb
- 20 Pile fabric
- 21 Dissolving solution (chem.)
- 23 Prosecutor (abbr.)
- 24 Give in
- 27 Gross (abbr.)
- 28 Underwater warships, for short
- 30 Great lake
- 31 Old English (abbr.)
- 32 Standardized units
- 34 Exist
- 35 Rajah's wife
- 37 Dash
- 38 Skirt edge
- 39 Out of proper order
- 41 Near
- 42 Friends
- 43 Measurement instrument
- 45 Elongated fish
- 46 Semitic person
- 48 Exert control
- 51 Night bird
- 52 Rechart
- 54 Male offspring
- 55 Very small
- 56 Wash away
- 57 Female saint (abbr.)

- 1 Impersonal possessive pronoun
- 2 Negative word
- 3 Artist's workshop
- 4 Among
- 5 Cushion
- 6 Paid notice (informal)
- 7 Sleeveless garment
- 8 Used for grinding
- 9 Petition to God
- 10 Atlantic (abbr.)
- 11 Reticuloendothelial stem (abbr.)
- 16 Easy (slang)
- 18 One who attempts
- 20 Organized as a list
- 21 Greek marketplace
- 22 Choicest part
- 23 City person (informal)
- 25 Written defamation
- 26 Judges
- 28 Thus
- 29 Narrow strip of wood
- 32 Cheap person
- 33 Article
- 36 Agile
- 38 Pester
- 40 Equals one cubit meter
- 42 Cooking container
- 44 Wide-mouthed jug
- 45 Yawn
- 46 in what way?
- 47 Female sheep
- 48 Angry
- 49 Received
- 50 Direction (abbr.)
- 53 Midwest state (abbr.)

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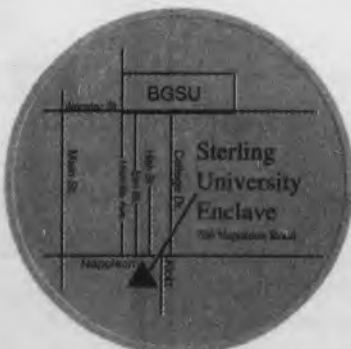
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